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Family “Staycation” Ideas for 6th -8th Grade

The resources below could be used to inspire some family fun at home during this extended “staycation”. *As with all media, please screen content and use your best judgment before sharing with students.* The links below are to external sites; inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement by Derby Academy.

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Science/STEM Videos

- [The Kid Should See This](#): A searchable collection of video clips that cover a wide range of topics, including science, technology, nature, music, and art.
 - [The Secret Life of Scientists & Engineers](#) (PBS/NOVA): Short interviews that highlight the connections between scientist/engineers' personal and professional lives. Helps students see science/engineering as relevant and accessible.
 - [SciGirls](#) (PBS): Half-hour episodes that highlight "the processes of science and engineering, following a different group of middle school girls who design, with the help of scientist mentors, their own inquiry-based investigations on a variety of topics."
 - [Brainchild](#) (Netflix): "Brainchild makes science fun, cool, and accessible to everyone! Each episode tackles a topic that's important to kids (and adults!) with comedy, experiments, and interactive games."
 - Don't forget to check out ***email from Mrs Lasala regarding Computer Science*** Enrichment opportunity
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Social Studies/History

[Geography Games](#)

[iCivics - Online civics games for kids](#)

Field Trips

[List of 20 virtual field trips to take as a family](#)

[International Space Station Field Trip](#)

[Yellowstone National Park Field Trip](#)

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[Draw Every Day with JJK](#)

[Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems](#)

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Music

[Google Mix Lab](#)

[Touch Pianist](#)

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[Growth Mindset Podcast](#)

[Comprehensive List of Virtual Museum Resources](#)

[50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12](#)

Screening Screens

- [Best Family Movies](#)
- [Common Sense Selections highlighting the best movies and TV shows](#)

- [Sibling Watch-Together TV](#)

Don't forget to use what you have at home:

- Puzzle Palooza! Find your puzzles and set them up in 1 place.
- Board Game Frenzy! Scrounge through your closets and challenge your family to play ALL of your board games